

## REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

This application is a continuation application of the parent application Serial No. 09/651,024, filed on August 30, 2000.

The present Continuation Application is submitted to prosecute new Claims 1-17 presented as the original claims in the new application. Claims 1-17 replace original Claims 1-20 of the parent application Serial No. 09/651,024. New Claims 1-17 find support in the originally filed specification of the parent application and in Claims 1-10 and 15-21 of the same parent application. No new matter has been added.

Moreover, by the present Preliminary Amendment the specification is amended to correct minor informalities. The changes to the specification were presented and approved in the parent of the present application.

In view of the present Preliminary Amendment, it is believed that the present application is in condition for a full examination on the merits and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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